

## Collaborating for a safer Maryland

### Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor Martin O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, the state of Maryland has seen a 7.6% reduction in total crime, an 11.8% reduction in violent crime (a reduction of 4,496 violent crimes), and a 6.8% reduction in property crime. In addition, over the same 3 year period, there have been significant reductions in murders (-20.1%) with 110 lives saved, robberies (-16.5%), and motor vehicle thefts (-35.8%). The state has also noted additional reductions in rapes (-2.3%), aggravated assaults (-9.0%), breaking & entering (-1.5%), and larceny/thefts (-1.4%) over the same 3 year period.

#### Maryland 2009 Crime Rate and Rankings

Crime Type	2009 Rate*	Ranking**
Homicides	7.7	Lowest ever reported
Rapes	20.4	Higher than 2008
Robberies	213.1	Lowest ever reported
Aggravated Assaults	355.4	Lowest since 1976
<b><i>Violent Crime</i></b>	<b><i>596.7</i></b>	<b><i>Lowest ever reported</i></b>
Breaking & Entering	655.1	Lowest since 2005
Larceny/Thefts	2,232.2	Lowest ever reported
Motor Vehicle Thefts	348	Lowest ever reported
<b><i>Property Crime</i></b>	<b><i>3,235.3</i></b>	<b><i>Lowest ever reported</i></b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>3,832.0</b>	<b>Lowest ever reported</b>

\* 2009 rates are based on 2008 population data per 100,000 residents

\*\* lowest ever reported means the lowest since 1975 when the Maryland UCR program was first adopted

### MARYLAND MAKES AN IMPACT: 2008 – 2009 CRIME REDUCTIONS

In 2009, Maryland marked a very successful year in crime reductions. Statewide reductions were reported in six of the seven part I crime offenses.

- **Total Crime** – There was a 7.6% reduction in total crime with 17,688 fewer crimes reported. Twenty of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions noted reductions in total crime with nine reporting double digit reductions in 2009. The total crime rate (3,832.0) is the lowest ever reported since the Maryland UCR program was adopted.
- **Violent Crime** - There was a 5.0% reduction in violent crime with 1,780 fewer crimes reported. Fifteen jurisdictions noted reductions with seven reporting double digit decreases. The violent crime rate (596.7) is also the lowest rate ever reported since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975. Additional reductions are as follows:
  - Murder: -11.6%
  - Robbery: -9.1%
  - Aggravated Assault: -2.7%
- **Property Crime** – There was an 8.0% reduction in property crime with 15,908 fewer crimes reported. Twenty-two jurisdictions noted reductions in property crime with eight reporting double digit decreases. The property crime rate (3,235.3) is also the lowest rate ever reported since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975. Additional reductions are as follows:
  - Breaking and Entering: -5.0%
  - Larceny/Theft: -6.1%
  - Motor Vehicle Theft: -22.6%

#### Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders (VPI)
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- E-Citations
- License Plate Recognition
- Community Policing
- Gun Violence Reduction
- Mobile Data Equipment
- Gang Violence Reduction
- Sex Offender Compliance Monitoring
- Safe Streets
- Capital for a Day
- Victim Services
- Warrant Reduction
- DNA Analysis
- Protective Order Technology Advancements

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## Strategies for reducing crime

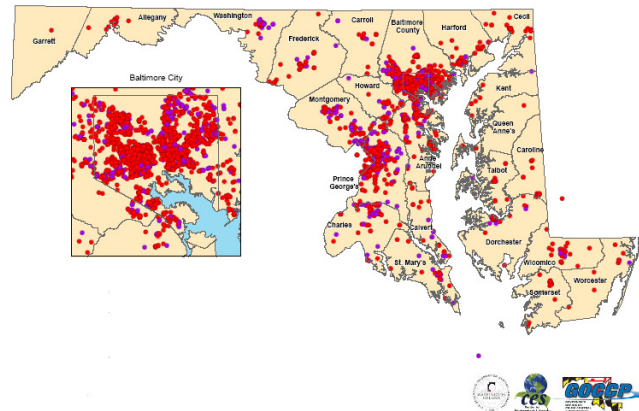
***"It is not by chance but by choice that together with courageous police officers throughout law enforcement, we have been able to drive the violent crime rate in Maryland down to its lowest levels since 1975 – including the steepest three-year reduction in homicides since the 1970's, and a 46% reduction in juvenile homicides over the same period of time"***

**Governor Martin O' Malley**



- **Violence Prevention Initiative** – Governor O' Malley enacted the Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) in July 2007, which is a statewide approach that focuses on violent crime reduction through identifying and holding accountable the small group of adult and juvenile offenders under state supervision who are most likely to engage in violent crime. Using specific screening criteria, the Department of Parole and Probation has identified approximately 2,300 offenders under community-based supervision who fall into these VPI criteria.

**Maryland VPI Offenders – May 2010**



- **Warrant Reduction** – Through state and local collaboration, Maryland has focused on enhancing warrant service to swiftly remove the most violent offenders off the street. This effort has been further aided through the creation of a regional warrant apprehension task force which was formed in the Prince George's County area. This task force is staffed by local, state and federal personnel from the Prince George's County Police Department, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, the Montgomery County Police, the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, the Maryland State Police, and the United States Marshall's Service.
- **DNA Analysis** – The O'Malley administration has maximized the use of DNA samples and findings to both convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent. As a result, a 24,000 DNA sample backlog was quickly erased. Since 2007, over 250 dangerous offenders have been removed from Maryland's streets as a result of the DNA backlog reduction effort.
- **Gun Violence Reduction** – The state of Maryland has expanded efforts to reduce illegal gun use and possession. Since 2007, the Maryland State Police organized and supported two firearm task forces: the Gun Tracing Task Force located in Baltimore and the Firearms Interdiction Task Force located in the National Capital Regions. Having fewer illegal guns on the street has contributed to reduction in shootings throughout the state.
- **Security Integration** – By using the best available technology, Maryland has modernized crime fighting and expanded information sharing. Funded by GOCCP, the CompStat on Demand Program enables law enforcement agencies to receive free training, tailored assessments, and technical assistance to help them develop data-driven crime fighting strategies. GOCCP also funds the Crime Mapping on Demand Program, which equips Washington College to provide crime mapping support to all statewide public safety agencies. Finally, the Public Safety Dashboard was created to enable public safety officials to access over 94 separate sources of information with one user ID and password.